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Visit at Stanford University, Palo Alto, California.

WW makes short calls on Whitaker, Twitty, Beadle, and Tatum. Giese and Blinks have classes. Blinks declined the Washington University offer entirely as his own decision, with no promises or urging from Stanford, as did Beadle the CIT offer. Tatum is to be made an Instructor or Assistant Professor next fall. Taylor feels that Giese profited very greatly by his fellowship. Beadle and Tatum are slowly making progress in the very difficult problem of analyzing the detailed mechanisms whereby individual genes control enzymes which in turn control the steps in the complicated formation of the pigments which give the various eye colors to *Drosophila*. Apparently the single genes have the same order of specificity as the single enzymes. WW gets a characteristically fine impression of the group.